

Weekly Status & Information Report: October 8 - 12, 2012

1. Official City Meetings Scheduled the Week of October 15, 2012:

- City Council meeting, Monday, October 15, 7:30 p.m. in the Auditorium. (Closed session vote at 6:00 p.m.)  
- Washington Adventist Hospital Land Use Committee meeting, Tuesday, October 16, 7:00 p.m. in the Hydrangea Room.  
All meetings are held in the Community Center, 7500 Maple Avenue, and are open to the public unless noted otherwise. (City Clerk)

2. Sidewalk Repairs on Carroll Avenue: The City contractor has begun a project to make improvements to the sidewalk along Carroll Avenue between the Fire Station and TPSS Co-op. The sidewalk will be closed for use on the south side during the construction. The improvements will widen the sidewalk in many locations and bring it into compliance with Federal and State regulations related to accessibility. During the work, access to the businesses and the City lot will be maintained, however, they will be impacted and alternate entrances may be used. The project will require the closing of one lane of traffic on Carroll Avenue during the work hours. The work will begin after 9:00 a.m. and wrap up by 3:30 p.m. each day, per the requirements of State Highway Administration. (Public Works)

3. Stormwater System Repair on Lee Avenue: The City will begin a project to replace a non-working storm drain line on Lee Avenue between Carroll Avenue and Hancock Avenue. The work will begin the week of October 15 and will require several days to complete. The street will be closed to through traffic during the project. The work hours will start at 7:30 a.m. and finish by 5:00 p.m. each day. (Public Works)

4. French Circle Time: Join us tomorrow – Saturday, October 13, at 10:30 a.m. - for French songs and rhymes with Madame Marie. French Circle Time is held once a month at the Library. (Library)

5. Caldecott Birthday Club: The Caldecott Birthday Club begins Monday, October 15, at 7:00 p.m. with an exciting new series of discussions for all ages on the best of Caldecott-winning picture books from different periods. Monday's discussion will focus on award-winners from the 1950s. (Library)

6. Speakers Series: On Tuesday, October 16, the college bound Speakers Series continues. Dr. Lorie Ness talks about "Taking the Plunge without Drowning: Tips for Thriving During the College Selection Process." This program begins at 7:00 p.m. (Library)

7. Book Sale: The Library needs people to help with the Friends of the Library Book Sale on October 27. Visit with friends and neighbors while you find book bargains and help fund programs and service for the Library. To sign up for a shift, e-mail Ellen Robbins at [ellenr@takomagov.org](mailto:ellenr@takomagov.org). (Library)

8. Poetry on Thursday - October 18: Join us at this month's Third Thursday reading to hear the work of local poets Stewart Hickman, Lisa Rosinsky, Samantha Magrath, and Kathleen Staudt. The reading begins at 7:30 p.m. in the Takoma Park Community Center Auditorium. Free admission. [www.facebook.com/TakomaParkMD](http://www.facebook.com/TakomaParkMD) (Housing and Community Development)

9. Buying a House or Condo? First Time Home Buyer Class - October 20: It's not too late to sign up! Where do you start? Right here in this free class (non-residents \$25), where you will learn how to select a real estate agent, how to access low interest loan programs sponsored by the County and State, how to read a HUD1 form, what to look for at your closing and much, much more. All attendees receive a certificate of completion for a First Time Home Buyer Class which is required when you use County or State loan programs. The class will be held on Saturday, October 20 from 8:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. at the Takoma Park Community Center, 7500 Maple Avenue. Class size is limited to 30 persons. Pre-registration is required by calling 301-891-7222 or [LindaW@takomagov.org](mailto:LindaW@takomagov.org). (Housing and Community Development)

10. Takoma Park Small Businesses Learn about Social Media at Free Symposium: On Wednesday, October 10, a Small Business Symposium focusing on social media was held at the Community Center, co-sponsored by the Housing and Community Development Department. A dozen small business owners from across the City participated in the free event and learned how to enhance their branding and Web presence using free digital tools online. The symposium was presented by Chris King of King Connections and Kim Pichot of Washington Adventist University's ENACTUS program. (Housing and Community Development)

11. Diverse Group Attends New Ave Social: On Wednesday, October 10, business owners, residents, councilmembers, City staff, and community leaders swapped ideas for the future of New Hampshire Avenue. The Social was held in the Maryland Gateway of the New Ave, at Mid-Atlantic Seafood, 6500 New Hampshire Avenue. View photos of the event online: [www.facebook.com/TheNewAve](http://www.facebook.com/TheNewAve). (Housing and Community Development)

12. Tenant Rights Class: Nine tenants attended the Tenant Rights Class on Thursday, October 11 sponsored by DHCD's Division on Landlord-Tenant Affairs. Topics of discussion included tenant and landlord responsibilities and rights, requirements for a landlord's entry into a rental unit, protection of security deposits, and reporting needed repairs. Tenant rights classes are conducted three times a year and upon request at any rental property. For further information, call 301-891-7222. (Housing and Community Development)

13. Tomorrow: Walk-in Registration Event – Winter Basketball League: Registration for the 2013 Winter Basketball League is in full swing. To make sure no one misses out, the Recreation Committee will be hosting a walk-in registration event tomorrow: Saturday, October 13, from 11:00 am – 1:00 pm. This event will be held at the Takoma Park Community Center, 7500 Maple Avenue. Sign up on the spot! \$60 TP Residents, \$70 Non-residents. \*Ask about scholarships for TP Residents. (Recreation)

14. Be Fit! Join the Fitness Room at the Recreation Center! Takoma Park Recreation Center offers a Fitness Room for your workout convenience. Purchase a membership today to use state-of-the art equipment. The Fitness Room offers stair climbers, ellipticals, treadmills, upright bikes and recumbent bikes. For more information contact John Webster at 301-891-7289 or johnw@takomagov.org. (Recreation)

15. No School on 10/19/12 - Sign up for Fun Day! Parents, Montgomery County Public Schools will be closed on Friday, October 19. Have you made child care plans for your little star?? If not, don't worry. The Takoma Park Recreation Department has just the solution for you...Fun Day!! Participants will be traveling to Chuck-E-Cheese's, where a kid can be a kid! This is a day where your scholar can let their hair down and enjoy themselves with a fun trip, activities and games. The program will be from 8:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. Residents \$35, Non-residents \$45. Sign up today! Limited spaces remain. For additional information please contact Lew McAllister at LewM@takomagov.org or 301-891-7284. (Recreation)

16. Multi-Media Instructors Needed: The Takoma Park Recreation Department is looking for a few skilled, motivated and highly talented instructors to teach multi-media classes in our state-of-the-art multi-media lab. Interested and qualified individuals should contact Lew McAllister at LewM@takomagov.org or 301-891-7284 by Friday, October 26. (Recreation)

17. Annual Halloween Events - October 27, 2012: The Takoma Park Recreation Department will be hosting its annual Halloween festivities on Saturday, October 27, beginning at 5:00 p.m. sharp. The event will kick off with the ever so anticipated costume contest in Old Town, followed by the parade down to Piney Branch Elementary School, and then, of course, the paaaartay!! For additional information please contact Lew McAllister at LewM@takomagov.org or 301-891-7284. (Recreation)

18. New Programs for Seniors: Sixty seniors enjoyed a variety of great new programs this week beginning with Creative Arts class on Monday, October 8, followed by Zumba Gold dance fitness class on Tuesday, October 9, and the highly anticipated third workshop in a popular series, "Memory Academy" presented by Holy Cross Hospital on Wednesday, October 10. The week culminated in a trip by Recreation Bus to the 2012 Senior/Baby Boomer Expo at the Maryland State Fairgrounds in Timonium on Thursday, October 11. The event is sponsored by the Baltimore County Department of Aging. This year's Silver Anniversary theme is "Remember the Past, Celebrate the Present, and Energize Your future!" The Expo showcased the latest information, resources, products and services to approximately 11,000 attendees. Seniors were able to explore 250 exhibitors and vendors, enjoy continuous entertainment, and take advantage of a wide assortment of free health screenings. (Recreation)

19. Officers in Meetings: October 11, Chief Goldberg attended a meeting at Victory Tower where he addressed the elderly citizens. (Police)

20. Community Outreach Officer (Pfc. Carla Magnaye):

- On October 7, Officer Magnaye attended the Street Festival.
  - On October 9, Officer Magnaye assisted the patrol with shift calls. She also held her Basic Self-Defense Course on the Rape Aggression Defense (RAD) System.
  - On October 10, Officer Magnaye held her Basic Self-Defense Course on the Rape Aggression Defense (RAD) System. She also conducted a vulnerability assessment on Ethan Allen Avenue.
  - On October 11, Officer Magnaye conducted foot patrol in Old Town. She met with the Safe Kids Coalition. She also conducted a vulnerability assessment on Tulip Avenue.
- (Police)

21. Crime Report: The most recent Takoma Park Police Weekly Crime Report (October 5-11, 2012) may be viewed online at [http://cathylevy.blogspot.com/2012/10/takoma-park-police-department-weekly\\_12.html](http://cathylevy.blogspot.com/2012/10/takoma-park-police-department-weekly_12.html). (Police)

22. Traffic Enforcement: Officers conducted at least 111 traffic stops, which resulted in citations, three vehicle impounds and one Driving Under the Influence (DUI) arrest from traffic.

During October 5-12, 2012, the following details were completed:

October 5, 2012

- 7500 block of New Hampshire Avenue (no u-turn enforcement) - conducted a 30-minute detail and issued one warning.

October 6, 2012

- 7400 block of New Hampshire Avenue (traffic control device enforcement) - conducted a 30-minute detail and issued one warning.
- New Hampshire Avenue & Holton Lane (stop light enforcement) - conducted a 60-minute detail and issued no citations or warnings.
- Erskine Street & 13th Place (stop sign enforcement) - conducted a 60-minute detail and issued nine warnings.
- 7600 block of New Hampshire Avenue (no u-turn enforcement) - conducted a 60-minute detail and issued five warnings.
- New Hampshire Avenue & Ethan Allen Avenue (stop sign enforcement) - conducted a 60-minute detail and issued two State citations and two warnings.
- New Hampshire Avenue & Holton Lane (no u-turn enforcement) - conducted a 60-minute detail and issued one State citation and one warning.

October 7, 2012

- 7600 block of New Hampshire Avenue (no u-turn enforcement) - conducted a 60-minute detail and issued no citations or warnings.
- Philadelphia Avenue & Holly Avenue (stop sign enforcement) - conducted a 30-minute detail and issued no citations or warnings.
- Ethan Allen Avenue & Jackson Avenue (stop sign enforcement) - conducted a 30-minute detail and issued nine State citations.

October 9, 2012

- Flower Avenue & Garland Avenue (stop sign enforcement) - conducted a 30-minute detail and issued three State citations.
- Ethan Allen Avenue & Jackson Avenue (stop sign enforcement) - conducted a 30-minute detail and issued five State citations and one warning.

October 10, 2012

- Flower Avenue & Garland Avenue (stop sign enforcement) - conducted a 30-minute detail and issued two State citations.
- Carroll Avenue & Merrimac Drive (stop sign enforcement) - conducted a 60-minute detail and issued one warning.

October 11, 2012

- New Hampshire Avenue & Holton Lane (no u-turn enforcement) - conducted a 90-minute detail and issued three State citations and one warning.

October 12, 2012

- Flower Avenue & Garland Avenue (stop sign enforcement) - conducted a 30-minute detail and issued three State citations.  
(Police)